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The references listed were previously cited and submitted in the parent applications, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/689,208, filed October 11, 2000 and 09/450,921, filed November 29, 1999. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) and 35 U.S.C. §120, copies of the references can be obtained in the above-identified application.

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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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